March 29, 2005

RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES HEARING REPORT

A public hearing was held at the Russell County School Board Office on March 25, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan (DFP) developed by the Russell County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 18-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the local board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There was one individual in attendance. Tim Lucas, Division of Facilities Management, served as the state-appointed hearing officer. Mr. Scott Pierce, Superintendent, was present.

COMMENTS

Mr. Pierce called the public hearing to order and welcomed those in attendance. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new DFP. It calls for priority projects to include: major renovation and additions to the Russell County Middle School and the Russell County High School, major renovation to the Russell County Area Technology Center and The Learning Center. The plan also calls for major renovation and additions to the central office and bus garage. Discretionary projects include the construction of a Physical Education Center and Natatorium at the Russell County High School and multi-purpose room addition to Union Chapel Elementary School

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. No comments were noted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new DFP developed by the Russell County LPC and adopted by the Russell County Board of Education be approved as the DFP for the Russell County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Lucas Hearing Officer